

Riverside

24 April 1880

Dear Sir

I could not think of asking
you to make the sacrifice.

Keep your books: they are
worth all time & trouble

I cannot account for
such liberality to a mere stranger.
Your collection of Lamb's work, was
worth your trouble: I heartily wish
you joy of them: they are a sort of
sacred charge. Keep them all.

I do not know why I am writing so badly this morning; but it is a joy to me that I can write at all

Yours very sincerely &
Very thankfully J. Payne Collier 91

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J. Payne Collier was a great authority
on Shakespeare & Elizabethan Drama
His chief work was "Political Decameron"
When he wrote this letter he was
91 & a quarter years of age,